

NARC Membership

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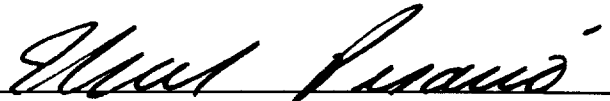
DATE: January 9, 2003

TO: The Administration Committee
The Regional Council

FROM: Tonya Gorham, Government Affairs Analyst
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SUBJECT: Budget Request FY 2002-2003: National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
Membership Dues

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize fiscal year 2002/03 expenditure of \$12,500 for annual membership dues to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC).

SUMMARY:

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) serves all regional councils, metropolitan and rural. NARC advocates on behalf of regional councils for the coordination, planning and delivery of new and existing federal programs that require regional strategies for optimal success. NARC promotes the use of regional councils as the forums for inter-jurisdictional decision making. The association's two over-arching themes are Regional Councils Make Federal Programs Work and Regional Councils Make Growth Smart.

NARC was a major contributor to the development of ISTEA and TEA-21 and is again positioned to be a major player in the reauthorization of TEA 21. SCAG has been a member of NARC for many years, with extensive participation. Supervisor Judy Mikels currently sits on the NARC Board of Directors. Staff recommends continuing membership in NARC.

NARC membership dues for fiscal year 2002-03 are \$12,500. In addition NARC is requesting additional support for their transportation advocacy program in the amount of \$12,500. Due to SCAG's membership in AMPO for transportation issues, staff recommends paying \$12,500 for membership dues only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

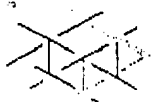
Approving this request will result in an expenditure of \$12,500 for the membership dues. This amount is \$3,218 or 35% more than the membership dues of \$9,282 paid for fiscal year 2001-02. The dues increase is the result of a new tiered dues structure approved by NARC's Board of Directors in March 2002, which bases dues on the operating budget of each regional council. Funding to pay for NARC membership dues is located within the General Fund as outlined in the SCAG 2002-03 adopted budget.



ATTACHMENT:
NARC Invoice Letter

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NARC Membership Dues





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Building Regional Communities

May 14, 2002

Mr. Mark Pisano
Executive Director
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Dear Mark:

On behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), the NARC Board of Directors and staff, I want to personally thank you for your support and ask that you continue your support by renewing your NARC membership.

In just a few short months, the NARC team has scored a number of successes: very successful satellite broadcast featuring Dr. David Sampson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development; hiring a Transportation Director who, in a very short time, has established NARC's credibility in transportation to Congress and Federal agencies; a policy conference that featured Governor Ridge, Director of the Office of Homeland Security for the White House, as the keynote speaker; a prime role for NARC in advancing the cause of regional councils in the homeland security debate; and, a 60 % increase in membership.

NARC strives to provide metropolitan and rural members with strong advocacy and quality services in the three principle areas of transportation, environment and community & economic development. I am personally committed to that overall objective. With your active participation, we will together develop a strong and unified platform for policy development, program delivery and technical assistance. Together, we will represent NARC policies with a unified, strong voice. In so doing, we will always aggressively advance and promote regionalism, the role and importance of regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations to the Congress, the Administration and federal agencies.

In March of this year, the NARC Board of Directors, after much consultation with the membership, approved a new dues structure. The new dues will be based on the operating budget of the member council.

Based on our conversation, your **base NARC membership dues are \$12,500.**

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As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in your area, I am asking that you provide additional support to NARC for the **transportation program in the amount of \$12,500.** * Dues are calculated at the rate of .25% of the MPO population. *(*Note: your transportation dues will be solely dedicated to the advancement of NARC's transportation advocacy program.)*

Your total Fiscal Year (July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003) membership dues, which include your base NARC membership and support for the NARC's Transportation Program are \$25,000.

Please consider this letter as an official invoice for continuing your active participation in NARC.

It is a privilege for your national staff to serve and represent you. Again, thank you for your support and active participation in NARC. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 202-457-0710 or e-mail me at rsoko@narc.org.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Sokolowski
Executive Director

Reminder: If all regional councils within a state support NARC membership, there will be a rebate of 25 % of the total to each council.

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